

The Director



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Dear Mr. Sherk:

I look forward to seeing you for an evening of discussion and dinner at the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters on Thursday, 20 September. Our subject will be the impact upon local political stability of the rapid urbanization taking place in many of the less developed countries. We should examine as comprehensively as we can the social, economic, and political forces unleashed by exploding urban growth. As you know, these forces often threaten political stability in the affected countries and demand the attention of US policymakers.

Our discussion will be initiated by Dr. Joan Nelson of The Johns Hopkins University, who has worked in this field for several years. Thereafter we shall all have our say. I shall be delighted if our discussion turns up facets of the subject that have not been receiving the attention they deserve.

The plan for the evening is as follows: The company will assemble in my conference room in the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, 7D64, between 5:30 and 6:00. Refreshments will be served. Our discussion will begin at 6:00 and continue until 7:00 when dinner will be served. After dinner we shall resume discussion and continue until 8:30 or so, as the intensity of our interest dictates. The company will be small, with five outside guests and ten insiders, to facilitate an exchange in which all may participate.

I have asked [redacted] of my Academic Relations Staff to complete the arrangements for the evening. Please call them if you need further information or any assistance. They may be reached on [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

/s/  
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